

# ROLE PROFILE

## Leader of the Opposition

*This is a Special Responsibility role profile.*

### 1. Who is the Leader of the Opposition accountable to?

- South Holland District Council; and
- Their nominating group.

### 2. Role, Purpose and Activity

- **Providing Political Leadership for an Opposition Group**
  - To be a political figurehead for the opposition group;
  - To be the main political spokesperson for the Council's opposition;
  - To provide leadership in the constructive challenge of the Council's policies;
  - To constructively challenge the vision for the Council and community, where appropriate; and
  - To provide strong, clear leadership in the co-ordination of alternative policies, strategies and service delivery.
- **Representing the Authority's Opposition**
  - To represent the Opposition Group, to a high standard; and
  - To represent the Council on external bodies.
- **Internal Governance, Ethical Standards and Relationships**
  - To promote and support good governance of the Council; and
  - To understand the roles of members, officers and external parties operating on behalf of the Council.

### 3. Values

- To be committed to the Council's values and corporate priorities.

### Deputy Leader of the Opposition

- To act as the Leader of the Opposition in their absence; and
- To assist the Leader of the Opposition as required.

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## Leader of the Opposition

To fulfil the role as laid out in the role profile, an effective Leader of the Opposition requires:

### **Providing Political Leadership for the Opposition Group**

- Knowledge of community strengths, areas of improvement and key issues;
- An understanding of the relationship between national and local politics;
- A good strategic awareness of issues facing the Council; and
- Good negotiation and challenging skills.

### **Representing the Authority's Opposition**

- Effective public speaking and presentational skills;
- The ability to convince others and act with integrity; and
- Leadership skills.

### **Internal Governance, Ethical Standards and Relationships**

- A knowledge of the Councils procedures; and
- An understanding of the Code of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol.